ous public sector undertakings in the mine sector;

(b) whether Government propose to involve private companies or multinationals in the modernisation and expansion work; and

(c) the total expenditure to be incurred in modernising all the coal plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) The present status of modernisation of projects under way in the public sector undertakings under the Ministry of Mines are as follows:—

1. In Hindustan Zinc Limited, development of column floatation technology for reducing silica content in znic is progressing in collaboration with Engineers India Limited. New Delhi, Regional Research Laboratory, Bhubaneswar and National Metallurgical Laboratory, Madras and expected to cost of Rs. 2 crores.

2. In Bharat Gold Mines Limited, the modernisation work of Nundydroog Mill is in progress and expected cost is Rs. 495 lakhs. The New mill is expected to be commissioned by October, 1995.

(b) No Sir.

(c) The capital outlay for modernisation of coal mines in Coal India Limited and Singarani Coal Company Limited for 8th Plan is Rs. 7500 crores for ongoing and new projects.

Setting up shore based iron ore Plant in Mangalore

6653. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to set up a shore based iron ore plant in Mangalore;

(b) whether land for this purpose has been acquired; if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the estimated cost and other details of the projects; and

(d) the time by when it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d) The Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL) has submitted a proposal for establishment of a joint venture company to set up a high grade Pig Iron and Ductile Iron Spun Pipe (DISP) Plant at Mangalore (Karnataka State) with an annual capacity of 1.55 lakh tonnes and 0.50 lakh tonne, respectively. The cost of the project is estimated to be Rs. 232.76 crores inclusive of foreign exchange of Rs. 18.74 crores (at prices in the 3rd quarter of 1994). The completion period of the project is projected at 30 months.

The Government of Karnataka have, in October, 1994 allotted 157.16 acres of land in the Panambur—Baikampadi villages of Mangalore Taluk for the proposed project. The Company has taken possession of the land on 28-10-1994. The proposal of the Company is at an advanced stage of consideration in the Government.

इस्पात का उत्पादन

6654. चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह : क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने लौह अयस्क, स्पंज लौह और इस्पात का उत्पादन बढाने के लिए कोई प्रयास किया है :

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों का तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) गत दो वर्षों की तुलना में चालू वर्ष के दौरान उनके उत्पादन में कितने प्रतिशत वृद्धि हुई है ?